

Minutes of Egremont Bylaw Review Committee

November 24th, 2020

In attendance:

Mary McGurn, Chair (MM)

Richard Allen (RA)

Chet Delaney (CD)

Steve Goodman (SG)

Richard Slutzky (RS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Steve Cohen, Guest

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm.

Minutes of 11/9 were discussed and a revised version will be shared at the next Board meeting.

MM announced the Town's All Boards meeting on December 8. The Selectboard will be asking for a status report from each committee and an update on their projected budgetary needs, if any, for the coming year. MM will work with RS to prepare a report for presentation on the 8th. MM encouraged everyone on the Committee to attend for a better understanding of how all aspects of town government work.

Section 3.2

A change to Section 3.2 was discussed and amended as follows:

All Town boards, commissions and committees shall, at their first meeting after election or appointment, elect officers and give notice of such election to the Town Clerk.

RA reviewed his proposed edits regarding sections formerly viewed as parts of Bylaw 4 Boards and Committees and recommended the following changes. Given the adoption of new Bylaw 3, which is titled "Boards and Committees," the numbering will be changed going forward to fall under Section 3.

Formerly referenced as Bylaw 4.2 Reports and Stewardship and now Bylaw 3.4, the Committee agreed to the following proposed language:

The Selectboard shall, not later than December 1 of each year, distribute to Town taxpayers a detailed report of all Town receipts and expenditures during the preceding fiscal year, which report shall have been approved by the Auditor. The report shall also include information and recommendations that the Selectboard deems appropriate.

The Committee agreed to receive further input from the Finance Committee before drafting a bylaw regarding the Finance Committee, formerly referenced as 4.3, now 3.5.

Formerly referenced as Bylaw 4.4.1 Council on Aging, and now Bylaw 3.6, the Committee approved the following language:

3.6 Council on Aging

3.6.1 The Selectboard shall annually, not later than 30 days after the Town election, appoint not fewer than five nor more than seven registered voters to serve as members of a Council on Aging.

Before approving the section formerly referenced as 4.4.3, to be proposed as 3.6.2 the Committee agreed that CD would check with the Chair of the Council on Aging for clarification regarding whether the annual reports to the Town and Department of Elder Affairs are the same or different, which may affect our draft of this proposed Bylaw.

The Committee agreed to approve the following language, formerly referenced as 4.4.5, now 3.6.3:

The Council on Aging shall coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the needs and problems of the aging in cooperation with applicable programs of Commonwealth agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Slutzky, Secretary